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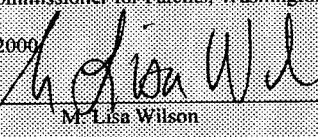
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In response to the Office Action dated January 31, 2000 and in accordance with 37
C.F.R. §§ 1.111 and 1.116, Applicants respectfully request entry of the present Response
in the above-identified application.

REMARKS

Claims 1-5 and 35-37 are pending. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of
the application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-5 and 35-37 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly
rendered obvious by Durbin *et al.*, (1996) Cell 84:443-450 (hereafter "Durbin") in view
of Jallat *et al.*, U.S. Patent No. 5,814,716 (hereafter "Jallat"), Leder *et al.*, U.S. Patent